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1. SUMMARY. FOURTH ROUND OF UN/TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS ON STANDBY COMPENSATION TO ENSURE FAIR PRICE TO TURKISH POPPY FARMERS TOOK PLACE APRIL 11. KIRCA, NOTING THAT HE SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, SAID GOT'S POSITION REMAINS UNCHANGED, NAMELY, THAT FAIR PRICE PER KILOGRAM OF STRAW SHOULD BE 20 TL. KIRCA WARNED THAT RUKEY'S DECISION GO STRAW ROUTE HAD BEEN CONDITIONAL AND UNLESS CONDITIONS MET WHOLE PROGRAM IN JEOPARDY. MARTENS STATED THAT UNFDAC WOULD BE PREPARED SUPPORT FAIR PRICE AT 16 TL, FUND'S CONTINGENCY LIABILITY IN 1975 BEING LIMITED, HOWEVER, TO \$3 MILLION, EVEN THOUGH UN CONTINUES BELIEVE THAT 15 TL IS INDEED FAIR PRICE. MARTENS ALSO SAID THAT UNFDAC WOULD BE PREPARED IN ADDITION TO CONSIDER EARMARKING CONTINGENCY FUNDS TO SUPPORT FAIR PRICE IN 1976 AND 1977, FUND'S LIABILITY IN THESE YEARS BEING LIMITED TO \$2 MILLION AND \$1 MILLION RESPECTIVELY. TURKISH/UN SIDES AGREED MEET AGAIN WEEK OF APRIL 21 AND MARTENS STATED UN SIDE CONSIDERS THAT NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE CONCLUDED BY APRIL

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25. END SUMMARY.

2. MANBY ADVISES THAT FOURTH ROUND OF TURKISH/UN NEGOTIATIONS ON QUESTION STANDBY COMPENSATION TO ENSURE FAIR PRICE TO TURKISH POPPY FARMERS TOOK PLACE APRIL 11. HE PROVIDED FOLLOWING RUN-DOWN ON DISCUSSION.

3. KIRCA, WHO WAS ONLY PARTICIPANT TURKISH SIDE, STARTED FOURTH ROUND BY STATING THAT HE HAD SENT TO ANKARA MEMO MARTENS GAVE HIM ON MARCH 21 (REFTEL) AND HIS REMARKS BEING MADE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS. SAID GOT'S POSITION ON FAIR PRICE TO FARMERS REMAINS UNCHANGED, NOTABLY, 20 TL PER KILOGRAM OF STRAW. NOTED THAT GOT'S DECISION TO ACCEPT GREENFIELD'S ADVICE AND GO STRAW ROUTE HAD BEEN CONDITIONAL. IF CONDITIONS NOT FULFILLED WHOLE PROGRAM IN JEOPARDY. FINAL DECISION WOULD BE MADE IN ANKARA.

4. AT THIS POINT MARTENS MADE STATEMENT, READING FROM TWO PAGES OF NOTES, GIST OF WHICH WAS (A) UN STILL BELIEVES THAT 15 TL IS FAIR PRICE BUT WOULD BE WILLING AGREE TO 16 TL, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT UNFDAC'S CONTINGENCY LIABILITY IN 1975 WOULD BE LIMITED TO \$3 MILLION; AND, (B) UNFDAC WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED EARMARK CONTINGENCY FUNDS TO SUPPORT FAIR PRICE IN 1976 AND 1977 AT \$2 MILLION IN SECOND YEAR AND \$1 MILLION IN THIRD YEAR. MARTENS GAVE KIRCA MEMORANDUM (TEXT OF WHICH POUCHED). HE ALSO HANDED KIRCA COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED BY MANBY FROM IBRD STATING THAT BANK WOULD BE PREPARED, IF TURKISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD SO REQUEST, TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF WORKING OUT INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO SUPPLEMENT FARM INCOMES IN ONE OR TWO SELECTED POPPY-GROWING PROVINCES (TEXT POUCHED). IN ADDITION, MARTENS PRESENTED TO KIRCA LETTER OFFERING SEND TECHNICAL MISSION TO TURKEY TO DEVELOP COMPASS TRIP PROJECT AND DESCRIBING KINDS OF QUESTIONS WHICH TECHNICAL TEAM WOULD NEED THIS CONNECTION TO POSE TO TURKISH AUTHORITIES. (THIS LETTER IS BASED ON EMBLAND/GREEN DISCUSSIONS. WE ARE TRYING OBTAIN TEXT.)

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5. KIRCA THEN MADE STATEMENT TO FOLLOWING EFFECT. QUESTION OF PRICE TO FARMER IS AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL ISSUE, NOT A MATTER OF STATISTICS, ECONOMICS AND FINANCE. GOT MUST BE SEEN TO BE MAKING ITS OWN DECISIONS "FREE OF FOREIGN PRESSURE" AND PRICE MUST BE SEEN BY FARMERS AND POLITICAL PUBLIC OPINION TO BE "HONORABLE". IF AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOT AND UN NOT REACHED

OVER ISSUE OF PRICE AND STANDBY COMPENSATION FUND, KIRCA'S OWN RECOMMENDATION TO ANKARA WOULD BE THAT TURKISH GOVT SHOULD NEVERTHELESS CONTINUE WITH PROGRAM BASED ON POPPY STRAW PRODUCTION. HOWEVER, HE "PESSIMISTIC" AS TO WHETHER HIS ADVICE WILL BE ACCEPTED. KIRCA WENT ON TO REITERATE POINT HE HAS MADE PREVIOUSLY THAT STRAW PROGRAM ADOPTED BY GOT GOES BEYOND TURKEY'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER SINGLE CONVENTION. ALSO REITERATED VIEW THAT IT IS NOT UP TO PRODUCING COUNTRIES BY THEMSELVES TO STOP ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS. KIRCA NOTED THAT WHAT IS INVOLVED IN TURKEY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH UN IS QUESTION OF "CONFIDENCE" AND "MUTUAL CONFIDENCE".

6. MARTENS GAVE RUNDOWN ON ASSISTANCE ALREADY GIVEN BY UNFDAC TO TURKEY AND ASSISTANCE NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION.

7. TWO SIDES AGREED MEET AGAIN WEEK OF APRIL 21 AND MARTENS STATED THAT NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE CONCLUDED BY APRIL 25.

8. DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO OTHER MATTERS AS FOLLOWS. KIRCA SAID GOT WAS PLEASED AT IBRD'S REACTION TO UNFDAC'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY AND WAS INTERESTED IN BANK'S OFFER TO HELP IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. NOTED THIS CONNECTION THAT TURKEY IS READY TO DISCUSS AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING MASTER PLAN FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. KIRCA NOTED ALSO THAT GOT HAD BEEN PLEASED AT KATZ MISSION RE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE AND THAT HE HOPED SOON RECEIVE FORMAL REQUEST FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE. KIRCA SAID GOT IS ADDITIONALLY INTERESTED IN SYSTEM OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY
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AND IS IN PRINCIPLE WILLING RECEIVE TECHNICAL MISSION TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY CONSIDER FURTHER EXACT TIMING FOR SUCH MISSION.

9. AFTER REPORTING FOREGOING MANBY COMMENTED THAT HE ORIGINALLY THOUGHT QUESTION OF AMOUNT FAIR PRICE WAS NEGOTIABLE. HOWEVER, HE NOW BELIEVES THAT GOT'S POSITION OF 20 TL IS "NOT OPEN TO CHANGE".

10. MANBY NOTED THAT DURING COURSE APRIL 11 TALKS KIRCA MENTIONED THAT IF NEW DEMIREL GOVT OBTAINS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, HE EXPECTS RETURN TO ANKARA FOR CONSULTATIONS.

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